

RAILWAY RIGHTS INCOME TAX PLAN AFFECTED BY BILL WILL BE RATIFIED

Argument on Chase Measure as to Reversion of Rights of Way.

Senator Chase's bill to cause a reverpanies which do not promptly begin bona-fide work to the original owner was argued last night before the House Committee for Courts of Justice, No part in the discussion were Senators Chase and Noel and Delegate Oliver for the bill, and former Senator A. A. Phlegar, of Bristol, against it.

comething should be done to prevent speculative purposes. Sometimes com panies, he said, with the power of emipanies, he said, with the power of emi-nent domain in their hands, are able to secure rights at nominal prices, which the people sell to prevent con-demnation. Such concerns make little or no improvement, sell at a profit what they can and perhaps secure a continuance of their charters indefi-nitely.

CHARTERS ISSUED

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The House Finance Committee's amendment to the Senate bill stands. As a final pilea, a representative of the Southern Express Company told the committee yesterday that the proposed rate amounted to confiscation and would prevent his concern from doing business. It would, he said take away all its profits, and it would prehaps be absorbed by other companies. The situation now is that the House bill makes the rate \$7.50, while the Senate bill, which Is also in the Kommittee amendment.

Automobiles Taxed.

The Senate passed the automobile bill without making any change in the rates. It was not done without opposition, for Senator Echols called such taxation class legislation, seeing no reason why motor cars should be taxed while wagons are left tax free. An amendment was agreed to so that the government.

he taxed while wagons are left tax free. An amendment was agreed to so that the owner need not make oath in his application for license to the Secretary of the Commonwealth. The bill was passed by a vote of 34 to 2.

A bill was also passed by the Senate continuing for two more years the office of Secretary of Virginia Military Records. The appropriation for this

SENATE

When the Senate convened at noon a favorable report was received on the Keezel bill to abolish the fees given sheriffs and sergeants for at-

the street and sergeants for attendance upon court.

The bill providing an increase of \$3 on charter fees and \$0 cents on seal impressions issued by the State Corporation Commission was then taken up. Senator Keezell explained that the probable addition to the recent and adopted. impression Commission was then the probable addition to the revenue of the State would be about \$5,500, while by the seal fee, the salary of the clerk of the Corporation Commission would be increased somewhere between \$250 and \$500. The bill was finally passed. Senator Gunter, by special permission, called up the bill providing for an enumeration of the inhabitants of the county of Elizabeth City, stating that it was for the purpose of determining whether a new judicial circuit mining whether a new judicial circuit was a question in which every Vignia voter is

International systems, and the company's business is also described as the manufacture of barrels, boxes, etc. A charter was granted yesterday to the Title Survey Corporation, with its principal office in Norfolk. The incorporators are R. W. Camble, president, and George M. Payne, secretary and treasurer—and of Norfolk. The capital stock is: Maximum, \$5,600, minimum, \$1,000, mi

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The history ends just after election, and the 20,642 mewspaper items found include everything from a three-line editorial mention to full-page illustrated stories. These have been mounted on 3,200 great sheets of Irish linen paper and bound into three massive volumes.

At the lead of each item is the mame and date of paper clipped from, this information having been put in with a book typewriter. The words thus inserted amount to 153,852.

In actual time, a very strict record of which has been kept, the work has required sixty-four working days throughout the year, and has kept in employment during that time thirty people as readers, clippers, sorters, mounters and binders. Every newspaper of importance is represented.

This is merely a specimen of some of the unique orders which get in the business concerns seems to be remarkable.

There are many people in private as well as in public life who need press clippings and don't know it. It might be well for them to look up this man Burrelle, who is said to be so well known that a letter simply addressed "Burrelle, New York," will reach him with no delay.

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rendy tull of such class legislation. The doctors, the lawyers, "even the poor boarding-house keeper," Are attempted in such a way, The automobile tax is required the world over, and there is no reason why the State should put itself above the remander of the countries. He thought the trouble with the argument of Senator Echols a "superfluity of theory."

A message was received from the House, conveying a joint resolution, calling for the confirmation about the uncultivated lowlands of Virginia and to obtain a government survey of them. On motion of Senator Sale the resolution why a greed to,

Concluding the debate on the automobile tax, Senhtor Lassiter said that the bill is favored by the Virginia Good Roads Association. That organization thought that the tax levied on automobiles should go to the State, while it also felt that a tax should be charged on all other wheeled vehicles, the proceeds of which should go to the county, because the radius of the ordinary waren or bugsy is much shorter than that of the machine. Though not in favor of an excessive tax on autos, he thought that imposed by the pending bill reasonable.

Automobiles, he pointed out, are rapidly becoming instruments of business, and, shortly, the farmers will begin to take milk, truck and other products to town in automobiles, he thought, might to the nautomobiles, he thought, might be than automobiles, he thought, might be than automobiles, he thought, might

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The proposed Love amendment to the Constitution providing that the State Board of Education shall be composed only of the Governor the Attorney-General and the Superinten-dent of Public Instruction, was report ed from the Committee for Courts of Justice with the recommendation that it be not agreed to.

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commission, they are assessed at a higher rate than any other class of property.

"What has been the result?" he said.

"When this commission was organized in 1963 we find the assessed values of railroad property in Virginia was \$50.810.317.89; whereas in 1969 it reached the enormous sum of \$100.224.
587. But some will say that the Virginian Hailway was built and entered into this large increase. I answer this by saying that in 1969 this road, having just been built, was assessed at only \$5.032,716, leaving a total increase during the life of this commission in railroad property alone of \$34,
*\$1.553.11.

**In April, 1967. Henry C. Stuart, then on the commission, in the agitation of the passenger rate question, said: The law as laid down by the courts requires the ascertainment of some value of the property as a basis upon which, as a matter of constitutional right, the company is entitled to carn a fair return; in any event, at least so far as that can be done with reasonable rates. The law must contemplate then that there is some practicable method by which this value can be ascertained, and this commission knows of no better or more reliable method than to give due and proper consideration and weight to the following matters among others:

"First. The original cost of the property so far as it is shown.

"Second. The amount of the capital and bonded debt of the company ap-

stock and bonds,
"Fourth, The cost of reproducing
the property anew so far as it is

value of the property for purposes of taxation.

"Seventh. The personal knowledge of the property by the commission.
"By this process the commission has arrived at the conclusion that the entire Virginia property of no railroad company assessed by it is really worth more than \$50,000 per mile for the property of most of such companies is worth less. The Southern Railway Company's entire property, composed as it is largely of branch lines of cheap construction and not well maintained, on which is operated light and rather cheap class of equipment, is, in the opinion of the commission, worth greatly less on its entire mileage in this State."

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per cent, on the net income, as-ied by the Board of Public Works the six years, 1897 to 1892, both usive, amounted to \$1,470,939,47; to the sdd the assessment upon steam-t companies, express companies and telegraph and telephone companies for the same period, amounting to \$156. 957.07, will make a grand total for the six years preceding the creation of the Cummission of \$1.627,946.54, or an av-erage of \$271,174.42.

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"The total assessments made against public service corporations by the state Corporation Commission for the six years, 1963 to 1908, both inclusive, which assessment includes the franchise tax of one per cent, upon the gross receipts of railroads, and the license tax on steamboat, express, telephone, telegraph and siceping car companies, amount to \$4,471,257,13, or an average of \$745,209,52 per year, The average increase under the Commission being \$474,035,10 per year, approximately half a million dollars annually. Experimental Prossal.

opinion, be taking a step backward to overturn the provision of the Constitutional Convention, and would be the worst mistake the people could possibly make. The Republicans in their platform last summer declared for election of these officers by the people. The Democrats took up the gage and went to victory by 35,000 majority on the declarations of its candidates.

Reverting to the achievements of the commission, Judge Williams said that questions of railroad taxation were formerly determined to some extent by the railroads themselves in politics. Under the old regime railways paid a smaller proportion of taxes than any other class of property.

"What has been the result?" he said. "When this commission was organized in 1963 we find the assessed values of railroad property in Virginia was \$50.810.317.83; whereas in 1963 it.

"With these facts in mind," said Judge Williams, "is this the time to experiment? Who is demanding a change? I have heard none except from members on this floor. It would be a serious mistake to relegate this dehange? I have heard none except from members on this floor. It would warfare. Let us measure the commission by its work. Let us not be governed by cold facts and figuration of its opponents. He said that there was no veiled imputation in his measure against the personnel of the commission. He declared Judge Rhea, for whose confirmation he had voted two years ago, to be the equal of any man in the State. He argued that by its work is any man in the State. He argued that by its work is any man in the State. He argued that by its work is any man in the State. He argued that by its work is any man in the State. He argued that by its work is sufficiently many man in the State. He argued that by its work is sufficiently many man in the State. He argued that by its work is sufficiently many man in the State. He argued that by its work is sufficiently many man in the State. He argued that by its work is sufficiently many man in the State. He argued that by its work is sufficiently many many

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Here's an extraordinary combination offer:

Men's Fine High or Low Neck | Night Robes, plain or fancy, ex- | Scarf Pins, 50 of the newest

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Extra Strong 15c Curl-

75c; sale price to-day 45c only Large Hair Nets, in all 5c colors; sale price to-day..

Grasse's Imported May Belle "Lily of the Valley" Extract;

regular price, per ounce,

ing Irons; sale price to- 7c 500 yards of White and Black Elastic, slightly tender; 1c

Saturday Sale of Ladies' Neckwear

Silk Cord, six yards to a box, in all colors; regular price 25c; sale price, per 15c
Ladies' Collars, newest styles, nicely hemstitched, worth 19c

each; sale price, two 25c
Lace Collars, large variety of

exceptionally pretty designs, worth 39c; sale price..... 29c

75c Lace Yokes, many beautiful patterns; sale price 59c to-day, 50c and

On sale to-day one lot of 10 dozen Beautiful Newest Style Jabots; they look like 25c the 50c ones; sale price.

Lace Collar and Cuff Sets, in very new and rich designs, worth 89c; sale

New HANDWEAR for Ladies

The Marlboro Real Kid Gloves, one large pearl button, wide embroidery on back, black, tan and champagne; per

Two-Clasp Pique Gloves, Paris point embroidery, Two-Clasp Pique Gloves, Fails point children, brown, navy, myrtle, black, white and gray; per \$1.50 Two-Clasp Kid Gloves, a full assortment of colors, \$1.00

one row embroidery; per pair.....

Natural Color Washable Chamois Gloves, per pair-12-button\$2.25 16-button\$2.75

Long Gloves, glace kid, black, white and champagne; per pair-12-button\$3.00 16-button\$3.50

stopped it, but had been forced by the courts to resume.

"The first time I was ever called a liar," he said, "was when I sat in the Senate gallery the other day and heard it said that we had not made correct returns. But I was glad to find we had gotten in a good class, for it was also said that nobody else gives in his property correctly."

This was in reference to the figures, which Major Shelton again presented to the committee, showing the company's receipts and profits. These figures, he said, had never been controverted. He put it up to the committee, which decided upon a \$6 rate on the 2,600 miles traveled by the Southern Express Company. The total express mileage of the State is 4,523.

Earnest opposition was made yesterday afternoon by Mr. Baum to a bill introduced by Mr. Cooke, by request, before the House Committee on the Chesapeake and Its Tributaries. Its patron did not appear, and it was stated that he did not desire to push it. The measure regulated the shooting or that he did not desire to push it. The water fowl in the waters of Back Bay tand its tributaries. Mr. Baum said that 200 families in that part of his bought up the land adjoining. It gave the owner a distance of 500 yards.

The bill was killed by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Yarrell said yesterday that he

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